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In re the application of:

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For: RUBBER-REINFORCED STYRENE TRANSPARENT RESIN COMPOSITION AND
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fee and examination on the merits
of the above-identified patent application, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 10, 12 16 and 18 to read as follows:

10. (Amended) A method of producing a rubber-reinforced

styrene transparent resin composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, the method comprising melt-blending 10 to 95 parts by weight of copolymer (A) obtained by polymerizing a vinyl monomer mixture (a), and 90 to 5% by weight of graft copolymer (B) obtained by graft-polymerizing a vinyl monomer mixture (c) in the presence of emulsifier is contained in the graft copolymer (B).

12. **(Amended)** A method of producing a rubber-reinforced styrene transparent resin composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the copolymer (A) is obtained by continuous bulk polymerization or continuous solution polymerization of the vinyl monomer mixture (a), and the graft copolymer (B) is added to the obtained copolymer (A) in a melt state and melt-blended therewith.

16. **(Amended)** A method of producing a rubber-reinforced styrene transparent resin composition according to Claim 13, wherein the graft copolymer (B) added to the copolymer (A) is in a semi-melt or melt state.

18. **(Amended)** A method of producing a rubber-reinforced styrene transparent resin composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein 0.1 to 5% by weight of water relative to the resin composition is added in the course of the step of melt-blending the copolymer (A) and the graft copolymer (B).

NEW PATENT APPLICATION
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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 10, 12, 16 and 18 have been amended as follows:

10. **(Amended)** A method of producing a rubber-reinforced styrene transparent resin composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 [~~and 9~~], the method comprising melt-blending 10 to 95 parts by weight of copolymer (A) obtained by polymerizing a vinyl monomer mixture (a), and 90 to 5% by weight of graft copolymer (B) obtained by graft-polymerizing a vinyl monomer mixture (c) in the presence of emulsifier is contained in the graft copolymer (B).

12. **(Amended)** A method of producing a rubber-reinforced styrene transparent resin composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, [~~9 and 11,~~] wherein the copolymer (A) is obtained by continuous bulk polymerization or continuous solution polymerization of the vinyl monomer mixture (a), and the graft copolymer (B) is added to the obtained copolymer (A) in a melt

state and melt-blended therewith.

16. (Amended) A method of producing a rubber-reinforced styrene transparent resin composition according to ~~[any one of Claims]~~ Claim 13 ~~[to 15]~~, wherein the graft copolymer (B) added to the copolymer (A) is in a semi-melt or melt state.

18. (Amended) A method of producing a rubber-reinforced styrene transparent resin composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, ~~[9, 11, 13 to 15 and 17,]~~ wherein 0.1 to 5% by weight of water relative to the resin composition is added in the course of the step of melt-blending the copolymer (A) and the graft copolymer (B).